

October 14th Board Meeting

Meeting Location: District Office

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Members present

Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

Others present

Superintendent Douglas Wright, Clayton Holt, Kit Mantz, Lynette Johnson, Spencer Singer, Ron Nielson, Mark Robinson, Tom Seiler

Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM

A. Approval of Agenda - 3:00 p.m.

1. Approve Agenda

Strike from agenda Policy 6570.

Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by Debbie Christiansen, second by Merri B Shumway

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

C. Board Work Session –

1. Fall Enrollment Count (October 1 Count)

Superintendent Wright noted that several schools had fluctuations in enrollment. District wide, enrollment has increased by eight students from last year's October 1 count. Ethnicity reports reflect several students who have made multiple selections on the "ethnicity" portion of the report so the figures will reflect more numbers in the Ethnicity Report than the Enrollment Report. Board Members discussed the overall changes, specifically the high influx in the Montezuma Creek Elementary School.

2. Proposed Calendars for Upcoming School Years

Two different versions of the calendar were presented for discussion. The calendars will be distributed district wide and comments will be gathered with hopes to make a calendar selection as an action item for the November 11, 2014 Board Meeting.

Note: Board Member Nelson Yellowman arrived at 3:22 pm. The Board delayed the closed session until after his arrival.

B. Board Closed Session – 3:22 p.m.

1. Litigation: Navajo Nation vs. San Juan County

2. Bluff Property

** Note: Board Member Merri Shumway did not participate in the portion of the meeting discussing Bluff Property.*

3. Student Hearings

4. Student Hearing Appeal

Motion to go into closed session to discuss Litigation, Property & Student Hearings.

Motion by Debbie Christiansen, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

D. Welcome and Recognition of Guests - 6:00 p.m.

1. Citizens' Comments

Nicole Black and Keri Jensen requested the Board consider their proposal to include high school soccer as an option for students. Nicole noted that she felt there is a strong interest in the community and would provide an extracurricular option for a group of students who don't participate in the currently offered sports. Several other parents were present in support. The Board encouraged parents initiating this proposal to review the UHSAA policy on adding a sport and the steps necessary to make it possible. The Board also recommended to the parents to begin the program as a club team option at the school to gain some foundation support and allow them to begin more immediately with their goal of creating a roster for a competitive team. The Board directed the group to visit with the San Juan High School Athletic Director, Ryan Nielson, for suggestions on the best approach to progress with their goal.

Sara English brought concerns to the Board regarding the unsafe conditions of the bleachers in Monticello. Sara brought photos of specific bleachers in need of repair, she also commented on her concern with the current condition of the track in Monticello. Her feeling is that it was not safe and could easily cause stress and injury. Board President Bill Boyle concurred and noted that the bleachers throughout the District have all been on the list of projects needing attention, with the exception of San Juan High School bleachers which were renovated when the track and field were upgraded. Nicole Black noted that in her research for grant funding for the soccer program she saw a grant available for these types of projects offered by Muscle Milk.

Thomas Lyman requested that the School District consider additional resources for home school students. The current program is sufficient, but he is aware of several other options and more beneficial programs that could be offered. His family is currently using a program titled Well Trained Mind and it has been great and has offered a more multifaceted curriculum for his children. Thomas also expressed his frustration in having to cover the full cost of his children's home schooling, as he has lived in other states that have assisted families with the cost.

E. Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Revenue Reports**
- 3. Expenditure Reports**
- 4. School Expenditure Reports**
- 5. Board Travel Reports**
- 6. Personnel Report(s) and Information**
- 7. Home School Requests**
- 8. Student Hearings**
- 9. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items**

Motion to approve all consent agenda items, including upholding Student Hearing Action taken in the Student Hearings.

Motion by Debbie Christiansen, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

F. Action Items

1. Board Travel Requests

No travel requests at this time.

2. Board Travel Budget

Board Member's personal travel budgets were presented for their own estimated mileage, "required" travel and discretionary funds estimated based on the remaining amount. Projected amounts were calculated on a \$15,000, \$20,000, and \$25,000 total allowed budget.

The Board decided to put proposed budget in practice at the amount of \$20,000 and to allow carry-over for remaining personal budgets, with carry-over amounts reviewed at the Board's discretion.

Motion to accept Board Member Travel Budget at \$20,000 with funds disbursed as itemized.

Motion by Debbie Christiansen, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

3. Policy 5430 Student Travel Policy: Instructional Field Trips, 2nd Reading

Based on events at Blanding Elementary School, edits have been made to the old policy to clarify some required actions to be taken by the schools including a required parental permission slip for every field trip.

Motion for approval of Policy 5430 Student Travel Policy, Instructional Field Trips based on 2nd and final reading.

Motion by Debbie Christiansen, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

4. Policy 6570 Student Conduct & Discipline, Safe Schools Policy - Use of Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

No action was taken on this item..

5. Monument Valley High School Land Trust Plan, Lynette/Spencer

Principal Spencer Singer worked with the School Community Council to develop the revised plan which notes two main areas/goals where the funding will be directed.

They are

Goal 1: address Math goals; needed to address salary to create more intervention time built into regular teaching schedule, incentives for students \$, increase motivation

Goal 2: decrease the number of F's by 20%; Principal Singer stated they are already seeing progress, possible performance pay (6 support staff members).

Principal Singer commented that the School Community Council has been helpful in the effort to revise the plan and is active and functioning. He also commented that he feels like this is a good start for us to provide support for students to learn and help those students who have a tough home life or little academic background at home. He feels incentives will be a good step in motivating students.

Motion to approve Trust Land Plan for MVHS.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Elsie A Dee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

6. UCA Plan

Lynette Johnson presented the San Juan School District's Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) Plan and a statement of direction from the school board per the State of Utah requirement.

The UCA Plan requires that a detailed needs assessment be presented as well, outlined based on goal, action, steps, and strategy.

1-Academics

2-Behavior (smart goals, positive behavior supports)

3-Coaching (increasing teacher effectiveness, mentoring instructors, recruiting)

Lynette also noted an Adult Ed component that has been included in the plan and has been coordinated through Utah State University-Eastern with Dennis Crane as director of that portion. Board President Boyle commended Lynette's work on the UCA Plan and expressed his admiration for the strategic decisions made within the plan.

Motion to accept San Juan School District's UCA Plan 2014-2015 as presented by Lynette Johnson.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

G. Discussion Items

1. Staff/Student Recognition

No recognition items to report.

2. Fall Enrollment Count

Discussed in Board Work Session, no further discussion

3. Proposed Calendars for Upcoming School Years

Calendars distributed to schools for feedback, will be added as an action item in November board meeting.

4. Capital Projects

Board President Boyle recommended action be taken on the School District Administration's outline, with the addition of the bleacher projects interjected as able/appropriate on school activity schedules.

Board Member Nelson Yellowman suggested doing the bleacher projects as soon as possible, utilizing recreational funds carried over from Recreation Levy, Fund 23 (approx. \$300,000), which is separate from regular levy funds and is specifically designated for that use per Clayton Holt.

Board Member Merri Shumway commented on the previous discussions regarding funding from the donors who have offered, including the ongoing discussion with respect to the Redskins Football foundation. Shumway commented that we (the School Board) haven't been in a practice of scrutinizing donors and agreeing with affiliation and a decision needs to be made regarding that group and if we are going to move forward with accepting their assistance.

Superintendent Wright noted that the Redskins Football Organization funds are not necessarily a donation, but more of an open application opportunity and there needs to be a decision from the Board as to our willingness to let the schools write a proposal to pursue those funds.

Board Vice President Debbie Christiansen commented that historically, when someone is going to do a grant proposal that could potentially encumber the District, there needs to be an idea what that amount will be..

Superintendent Wright stated that a request for more information on what funding has currently been received and used so far from the Washington Redskins Organization has been requested.

As of this date, there has been very little information provided and the Organization has not produced invoices, either outstanding or paid, that can provided solid detail on how the billing/payment process has been practiced between the two entities. School District administration will continue to pursue this information for clarity for the Board. Until then, he recommended discussions and dealings with the Organization should be tabled.

Bill Boyle proceeded to outline a hierarchy of projects based on size of project and urgency of completion. Based upon the discussion, it was determined that administration would prepare a final recommendation for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

5. Authorization for schools to draft proposals for Original Americans Foundation

No action taken. Pending further information.

6. Information on next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held in Monument Valley on November 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Due to the date coinciding with Veteran's Day, the Board agreed to participate where possible in the community events for that day. An outline of events that would be appropriate to attend will be sent to the board when received. As of this date, no events have been scheduled.

H. Board Closed Session

A second closed session was requested to discuss pressing personnel issues.

1. Personnel

Motion to go into closed session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Merri Shumway, second by Debbie Christiansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Elsie A Dee, Merri B Shumway

I. Adjourn Meeting

1. Adjournment

Meeting was announced adjourned by Board President Boyle following the closed session.

Board Officer

Business Administrator